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SUBJECT: RAILWAY UNIONS SETTLE

- 1. SENIOR RAILWAY UNION LEADER CONFIRMED MEDIA COVERAGE OF TENTATIVE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN ASSOCIATED RAILWAY UNIONS, REPRESENTING OVER 100,000 WORKERS IN 17 UNIONS, AND THE JOINT COMMITTEE OF CANADIAN RAILWAY COMPANIES, REPRESENTING CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS, THE CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY CO. AND 11 SMALLER COMPANIES. THE 6.17 PERCENT TOTAL SETTLEMENT IS EXPECTED TO BE QUICKLY RATIFIED BY THE UNIONS' CONFERENCE GROUP AND APPROVED BY THE ANTI-INFLATION BOARD.
- 2. THE 6.17 PERCENT, ONE-YEAR SETTLEMENT WILL RAISE WAGES DOLS 938 TO A NEW AVERAGE OF DOLS 16,563 PER YEAR. PENSION AND JOB SECURITY PROVISIONS WERE IMPROVED AS WERE FREE, SPECIAL PASS PROVISIONS FOR EMPLOYEES. NEW CONTRACT WILL EXPIRE DECEMBER 31, 1978. NEGOTIATIONS FOR 1979 CONTRACT WILL BEGIN OCTOBER 1978. ENDERS

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